

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 9, 10, 14, 15, 25 and 27 have been amended. Claims 1-8, 19-24 and 26 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Thus, claims 9-18, 25 and 27 are pending.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to for Figure 1 failing to include the label "Prior Art". A replacement Figure 1 is submitted herewith. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to for typographical errors. The identified typographical errors have been corrected herein. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS

The claims were objected to for informalities. The identified informalities have been corrected herein. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the claims be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTION – 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claim 25 previously recited "control 10 loopback test" which appears to be a typographical error. The number "10" has been deleted from claim 25. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 25 as being indefinite be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)

Claims 1-8 and 25 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,789,224 issued to Miura (*Miura*). Claims 1-8 and 25 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-8 and 25 is moot.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 9-18, 25 and 27 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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